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Mr. Clyde Gabbitas
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P.O. Box 2500
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Re: Approval and Condition for Long Term Suspension, Iron Mountain Mine, M/021/008, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gabbitas:

On September 20, 1999, the Division received your written notification of an anticipated long term suspension for the Iron Mountain Mine (M/021/008). This request is consistent with R647-4-117.3, which requires an operator to provide written notification to the Division when it is anticipated that operations will be suspended for more than a five (5) year period. On October 13, 1999, a site inspection (inspection memo attached) was performed by Division staff as required by R647-4-117.3 to determine the stability of the site in light of the long-term suspension.

The Division found the site in a stable condition and does not anticipate any significant off-site impacts to occur from being left in an idle state for an extended suspension period. However, Division staff did notice that the lock on the gate to the Comstock area had been cut, thereby allowing unauthorized access to the site. The Division hereby approves the long term suspension with the condition that Geneva Steel continue to perform regular inspections of the site and maintain the locks on all access gates.

Please keep us advised of any activities that may occur at the site, and notify us well in advance of Geneva's plans to reactivate mining operations at the site.

Please don't hesitate to call should you have any questions regarding this action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
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